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TO BE ALIVE IN SUCH AN AGE!
WITH EVERY YEAR A LIGHTENING PAGE
TURNED IN THE WORLD'S GREAT WONDER BOOK
WHEREON THE LEARNING NATIONS LOOK,
WHERE MEN SPEAK STRONG FOR BROTHERHOOD,
FOR PEACE AND UNIVERSAL GOOD;
WHEN MIRACLES ARE EVERYWHERE
AND EVERY INCH OF COMMON AIR
THROBS A TREMENDOUS PROPHECY
OF GREATER MARVELS YET TO BE.
OH, THRILLING AGE!
OH, WILLING AGE!
WHEN SLEET AND STORM AND RAIL AND ROD
BECOME THE AVENUES OF GOD,
A TRUMP TO SHOUT HIS THUNDER THROUGH,
TO CROWN THE WORK THAT MAN MAY DO.

TO BE ALIVE IN SUCH AN AGE!
THAT THUNDERS FORTH ITS DISCONTENT
WITH FUTILE CREED AND SACRAMENT,
YET CRAVES TO UTTER GOD'S INTENT;
FEELING BENEATH THE WORLD'S UNREST
CREATION'S HUGE, UNTIRING QUEST,
AND, THROUGH TRADITION'S TRIUMPHANT THRUST
BELOW THE SEETHING THOUGHT OF MAN,
THE PUSH OF A STUPENDOUS PLAN!
OH, AGE OF STRIFE!
OH, AGE OF LIFE!
WHEN PROGRESS RIDES HER CHARIOT HIGH,
AND IN THE BORDERS OF THE SKY
THE SIGNALS OF THE CENTURY
PROCLAIM THE THINGS THAT ARE TO BE:
THE RISE OF WOMAN TO HER PLACE,
THE COMING OF A NOBLE RACE

TO BE ALIVE IN SUCH AN AGE!
TO LIVE TO IT!
TO GIVE TO IT!
RISE, SOUL, FROM THY DESPAIRING KNEES!
WHAT IF THY LIPS HAVE DRUNK THE LEES,
THE PASSING OF A LARGER CLAIM
WILL PUT THY PUNY GRIEF TO SHAME.
FLING FORTH THY SORROW TO THE WIND
AND LINK THY HOPE WITH HUMAN KIND.
BREATHE THE WORLD THOUGHT, DO THE WORLD DEED,
AND WHAT THY WOE AND WHAT THY WEAL,
LOOK TO THE WORK THE TIMES REVEAL,
GIVE THANKS WITH ALL THY GLOWING HEART,
CRAVE BUT TO HAVE IN IT A PART!
GIVE THANKS AND CLASP THY HERITAGE,
TO BE ALIVE IN SUCH AN AGE!

Angela Morgan.

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Editorials.

The Publication Committee is pleased to announce that arrangements have been made to publish THE PACIFIC for the year 1920 as an official organ of The Northern California Congregational Conference with Rev. E. C. Oakley of Mill Valley as editor, to begin his services April 1st. The committee will continue its efforts to increase the subscription list and to improve the magazine in every way possible.

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The trustees, at their regular meeting January 12th, voted to make the subscription price 50 cents per year and limited the issue (under ordinary conditions) to two thousand copies per month.

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The wishes of the Conference are now about to be fulfilled and the committee hopes that the churches will back up their request, made at the last state gathering, for the continuation of this journal by securing large numbers of new subscribers. We request our brethren, the pastors, and laymen throughout our fellowship to begin at once solicitation for clubs of subscribers. Our list ought to increase rapidly. We have a rightful constituency of thirty thousand Congregationalists and a list of subscribers of only eight hundred! **Let us start now, today, on a campaign to secure 5,000 new subscriptions! Send your names and money to THE PACIFIC, Congregational Rooms, 423 Phelan Building, San Francisco.**

This February issue is devoted largely to the subject of Home Missions. There is no more important theme in all the world. Statesmen and leaders everywhere are coming to see that in the application of the teachings of Jesus Christ is the only hope of solving the world's problems. In a recent editorial from a purely secular journal we find the following exhortation:

"What is the cure for capitalism and laborism, and nationalism, and materialism, and jingoism, and race antipathy and all the unruly ambitions and desires that tease and bedevil mankind?"

"The same remedy for all: self-government under ones own hat; self-government based on realization that the highest office is to serve, and that the door of happiness is love. That is religion and patriotism and the road to true civilization and real progress. Self-control, self-respect and self-abnegation are the bases of character, and it is on character, human character, that the world must depend.

"Get to work, everybody, and make some character. It is not a factory product, nor ever will be. It is made day by day in the little world under one's hat."

The Home Missionary pastor is surely doing constructive work for the improvement of human society and his position is one of high honor and tremendous importance. Never before in the world's history were there so many opportunities for service for the man who has vision to see as are offered by the rural church of today or the Missionary Church in a small city or in some sections of our largest metropolis.

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THE PACIFIC would like to serve all the Congregationalists of the Pacific Coast States, and if it receives sufficient encouragement and co-operation it will surely be able to do so. In this issue we are endeavoring to give some expression of this purpose through various news items and messages from field. We desire to be the medium through which the field. We desire to be the medium through which the churches of the whole coast may articulate and we hope eventually to see all the denominational interests that could be profitably so expressed merge into one coast magazine. The possibilities for the future are full of promise and we desire co-operation from every side.

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When this little journal comes to your reading table you will say, "How interesting, but how small!" Yes, we realize it. The editor already has in his possession more valuable and interesting material,—enough for an edition twice the size of this! Some of it must wait until March or even later. Let us suggest that one way to enlarge the magazine is to increase the size of the subscription list. Just as soon as the income justifies the added cost, the committee will issue more pages. Please send news items about your work for the March issue to Rev. E. C. Oakley, Mill Valley, Calif.

IN MANY TONGUES

On the day of Pentecost the Spirit of God was poured out upon the little church just beginning to be, and the people in Jerusalem were amazed and "confounded, because that every man heard the disciples speak in his own language."

Today the gospel is preached in the Pacific Coast Congregational churches in a multitude of tongues. Each Sabbath the worship of God is conducted in Spanish, Italian, German, Armenian, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Japanese, Chinese, Indian, besides English. Truly the word has been fulfilled: "nations shall come to Thy light and kings to the brightness of Thy rising."

—E. C. O.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICAN

By Rev. L. D. Rathbone, D.D.

Twenty-three years ago there came to California a young Russian of German ancestry and who spoke the German language. For eighteen months he worked as a section hand on the Southern Pacific railroad in the San Joaquin Valley and then began driving a team in the near-by city, eventually buying a team of his own and working for himself. After seven years this industrious and thrifty man had saved \$1,600, with which he bought a small ranch fifteen miles out of town, where he has lived ever since with his family, improving his land until it is one of the best equipped ranches in the valley. His children have been brought up in the Sunday school and church in the adjacent city and have attended the public schools. During the years a considerable community has grown up in the vicinity and three years ago Mr. N. thought the time had come when there should be a schoolhouse of their own. He persistently urged the establishment of a school district but was opposed by those who said they had all the school accommodations necessary either at the colony of A, three miles distant, or at the town of K, five miles distant on the other side. This Russian brother persisted in his efforts for a schoolhouse, however, and finally succeeded. After three years the school is now employing three teachers, each one of whom is teaching a well-filled room.

In the spring of 1919 Mr. N. came to the conclusion that it was too far to go fifteen miles to church and that the distance did not make the Sunday school work effective for the children and young people. He urged that a church should be organized in the community and that a resident minister should be engaged. A Sunday school was organized and preaching services established in the schoolhouse and steps were taken toward the organization of a church, which has now been accomplished, the church having been recognized a few weeks ago. The next step was the building of a church and when it was discovered that no land could be secured this same man again made the enterprise possible. He purchased several acres and divided it up into town lots which he sold for \$100 or \$125 apiece, making a gift of eight lots to the church. He headed the subscrip-

tion list for the building with a gift of \$500 and the foundation has been laid for a church 40x75 feet. He went to the lumber company in the neighboring town to see if he could secure the lumber for the building, telling them that payment would be made as soon as it was possible to raise the money and they consented to the arrangement provided he would become personally responsible for the payment. A similar arrangement was made with regard to the hardware for the church and it has been only by reason of Mr. N.'s personal interest that the building has been made possible at the present time.

This German-Russian, therefore, for twenty-three years only a resident of California, has been the moving spirit in establishing one of the schools of our great public school system and in organizing a needed church and erecting the building for it. Of course the Home Missionary Society and the Church Building Society are going to help materially in this case, but the communities of the state owe a great debt of gratitude to men like Mr. N., who prove their Americanism by such work as this.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME MISSIONS

SNAP ONE—Take a Look at These Statistics from April 1, 1918, to March 31, 1919.

In 1,973 churches and mission stations Christian ministry was provided through The Congregational Home Missionary Society.

The equivalent of 1,149 years of service was rendered by 1,502 missionaries.

The membership of Home Missionary Churches was 92,292.

There were 8,975 accessions, of whom 5,609 joined on confession, or 15 a day for the year.

122,671 Sunday school scholars were cared for by home missionary pastors in 1,973 schools.

In 22 languages this Society served 359 churches among the foreign-born.

Home Missionary automobiles to the number of 32, the gifts of the churches, are doubling the effectiveness of as many missionaries.

The average gift of the Congregational churches was raised two cents per member (50 cents), and yielded a total of \$695,365 for current uses, the largest receipts of any year in the history of the society, but H. C. L. and the depreciation of the dollar leave the work and workers in even more urgent need.

SNAP TWO—Think of These Conditions.

Figures cannot tell the story of this epochal year in history.

It was WAR YEAR. Home missionary pastors were serving overseas, in the ranks as chaplains, in the Red Cross and "Y" work. On this side they served as members of draft boards, led Liberty Loan, Red Cross, Community Service and "Y" drives.

It was "FLU" YEAR. Churches were closed, but home missionary pastors made weekly calls upon

their congregations, delivering mimeographed sermons and letters.

They made of their churches hospitals, kitchens, nurseries, loan associations. In some instances their service cost their lives.

Perhaps in no one year have our missionary churches more strongly entrenched themselves in the affections of the people.

This society underwrote with leadership and money a general Evangelistic movement, which brought more people into the membership of 656 churches at one communion than joined these churches during the whole of 1918.

This society is a leader in interdenominational Comity and Unity. With the mission boards of the several denominations it seeks to avoid and eliminate competition on the home mission field.

SNAP THREE—Some Striking Miniatures.

Foreign-speaking churches are maintaining English and Americanization classes. The Italian Congregational Church at Hartford, Connecticut, has 100 members, young and old, male and female. There are 24 stars in its service flag.

For 18 months all the religious speakers, numbering 1,526, for Great Lakes camps and other war centers, were furnished through the office of the Chicago City Missionary Society.

Twelve per cent of the Montana Congregational ministers, 25 per cent of the Oregon ministers, and 13 from Maine, one of whom was gassed and one cited, were in war work.

New Jersey Congregationalism gave last year, on an average, 87 cents per member to home missions. This is 26 per cent beyond the denominational standard.

A woman missionary in Springfield, Massachusetts, without assistance, in a single year came into contact and helpfulness with 3,000 families in 1,500 homes and hospitals.

A Michigan church served 5,000 meals during the "flu" epidemic to 65 nurses and the families they were attending. "I was hungry and ye gave Me meat; I was sick and ye visited Me."

Rev. A. B. Apra, of the Green Street Mission in San Francisco, is doing work in Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, French and English, extending his services 50 miles north and 100 miles south of the city.

SNAP FOUR—Possibilities For the Future.

A minimum salary of \$1,200 and house for home missionary pastors.

An auto for every home missionary field.

An army of consecrated, well-equipped young men volunteering for home missionary posts now vacant or poorly supplied.

The Community Church idea spreading to every state.

A well-financed department of Americanization.

City missionary enterprises equal to the challenge of teeming populations.

A spiritual and social rural life program comparable with that of agricultural colleges in their field.

The full apportionment, amounting to \$470,000, for home missions.

An Every Member Canvass in every church to reach this objective.

SNAP FIVE—Our Own Special Responsibility.

Our home missionary work right here in Northern California is a part of this larger national field. It needs the heartiest backing of all our self-supporting churches and one way to express this approval and co-operation is to see to it that our benevolence apportionments are paid in full and early in the year.

CALIFORNIA ORIENTAL MISSION. FRUITAGE

Rev. M. Furuya was converted in our Los Angeles Japanese Mission many years ago. He returned last year to Japan, as so many other Japanese educated and trained in this country have done. He has just been sent out as a representative of the Congregational churches of Japan to the Marshall Islands which have been taken over from Germany by Japan. The missionary work in these islands was formerly under the American Board. When Germany seized control of the islands, the German missionaries took charge. Now the islands captured by Japan, the Japanese government asked the Japanese Congregational churches to continue the former missionary work of the American Board, and this energetic and efficient Christian Japanese product of the Oriental mission work of the A. M. A. in California is now in charge of the Congregational mission work in these remote Marshall Islands.

—From The American Missionary.

SAVE AMERICA TO SAVE THE WORLD

Twenty-five years ago California Congregational churches were giving for foreign missions at the rate of 50 cents per member per year. That was before the division of the state into the Northern and Southern Conferences and the total amount given that year, 1883, for foreign work was \$7,108. The years between have been years of growth in all lines in California, and particularly of great development in the southern part of the state. New churches have been organized in large numbers, most of them fostered by the Home Missionary Society during their early years. The total number reported in 1918 was 246, as against 188 in 1883. Large additions have been made to membership, the number having increased in the twenty-five years from 14,092 to 34,389.

These years of growth in the membership and strength of the churches at home, as well as in their number, have been marked by a corresponding steady increase in gifts for foreign missionary work. In 1918 the increased interest of the people in the extension of the kingdom in other lands was shown by the increase in the rate of giving per year from 50 cents to 75 cents per member, or fifty

per cent. The total foreign missionary gifts for 1918, however, reached the amount of \$25,506, a 350 per cent increase over the total of twenty-five years before. It is plain, therefore, that the greatly increased giving is due in much larger measure to the fact that there were more churches in operation and more persons in the membership in 1918 than in 1893 than to the increased per capita giving.

Every Christian must rejoice in the increasing amount of money that is going year by year into the needy and dark places of the earth from this golden state. The fact of this increase during years of strenuous home missionary effort, also, and of what has seemed to some an undue emphasis on the support of the homeland work justifies the belief that the strengthening of the work in our own country is one of the best possible ways of increasing foreign missionary giving. The great work of the extension of the Kingdom is one work, whether it be in the lands across the sea or at home, but such a comparison as the one given above shows the necessity of keeping the homeland work well sustained, not only for the sake of our own people, but for those who may be reached through their consecrated gifts.

—From "G. H. Q."

SNAP SHOTS OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

Alameda.

Reports show benevolences fully paid, an increasing membership and satisfactory work during year. Sunday school has found use of duplex envelopes exceedingly helpful in increasing giving both for benevolences and current expenses. Parsonage purchased and renovated. Church looking forward to 1920 as year of real progress under new pastor, Rev. C. C. Wilson.

Porterville.

Over the top "with a shout" for 1919 and brighter outlook for 1920 than for many years. Every bill paid, balance in every treasury of from a few dollars to over two hundred; \$3,000 budget fully assured for 1920, far more than ever pledged before and putting church on self-supporting, self-respecting basis. Fifteen new members recently received and signs of spiritual growth. Full apportionment of \$300 accepted for 1920.

Auburn.

Red letter evening, with annual dinner, roll call, etc. Literary and musical program followed by reports and election of officers for new year. All bills paid and pastor's salary increased by \$250.

Oakland, Fruitvale.

Encouraging year reported by all organizations; debt reduced and renewed effort planned for 1920 to wipe it out. Twenty-fifth anniversary of organization to be celebrated in March. New furnace installed in the fall. Pastor's salary increased by \$300 and forward step taken in benevolences in fixing goal and voting to meet it even if a part has to be taken from general funds.

Tipton.

Church moving on to new usefulness in community under new pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath. A good

year in many ways notwithstanding the lack of a pastor for most of it. Sunday school has made good use of Tercentenary Plan for benevolences and regular monthly gifts have amounted to over twice the apportionment for the year. Gifts from church have increased this to almost three times amount asked for 1919. Fourteen new members received first Sunday of 1920.

Berkeley, North.

Large and enthusiastic meeting and reports showing definite progress for 1919. All bills paid, debt materially reduced and pastor's salary increased by \$200. Thirty-four members received during year. Apportionment for benevolences exceeded and fully pledged for 1920. Women's Auxiliary report particularly encouraging. Budget of \$500 for year raised entirely by pledges and monthly luncheons served at church. Twelve dozen garments made for Berkeley charity organizations and missionary box prepared valued at \$150. Voted to make 1920 year of ingathering and to aim for one hundred new church members during year.

Oroville.

Increase of membership reported and good financial condition. Pastor's salary increased \$300; \$405 contributed for benevolences during year. Ladies' Aid reported balance of \$140 in bank after paying share on church debt for year.

San Francisco, Bethany.

Meeting characterized by business-like presentation of reports, satisfactory details of work done, and brotherly spirit. Pastor's suggestions for improvements in lighting building adopted. All offices filled for 1920 and \$50 apportionment for benevolences accepted with determination to go over the top.

Oakland, First.

Large meeting with address by Rev. Geo. C. Raynolds, for many years a missionary of the American Board at Van, Turkey. Pastor's salary increased \$1,000. Pastor presented chart showing curve of church membership and additions in past years. Bright outlook for 1920.

—From "G. H. Q."

THE PILGRIM LEGION

The Pilgrim Legion, the new federation of Congregational young people's organizations in Northern California, is now a little over two months old, its birthday being the anniversary of the signing of the Pilgrim compact in the cabin of the Mayflower and also of the armistice that ended the world war, November 11th. Eighteen young people's organizations of different types have already become chapters and plans are beginning to be made for a rally of young people in the spring under the auspices of the Legion.

The object of the organization as expressed in its by-laws is "to promote fellowship and mutual helpfulness among Congregational young people; to encourage the organization of young people in the churches for service; and to develop responsibility for Congregational enterprises." The plan is to

meet for a rally in the spring of each year, at which Congregational plans will be presented and problems discussed that have particular relation to young people, and again with the State Conference in the fall. The hope and expectation is that the interest of young people in Congregational problems will be increased and that their attendance at the State Conference will be encouraged, so that gradually from among the young people there may be developed those who are to be the leaders in the church work of the future.

The officers are as follows:

President—Rev. LaRue C. Watson, Benicia.

Vice-President—Miss Edith Sanderson, 562 Hobart Street, Oakland.

Secretary—Miss Dessie J. Simpson, 423 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

Treasurer—Mr. Frederic Ching, 1543 Josephine Street, Berkeley.

The officers and the committee are asking the personal co-operation of every pastor in the Conference to see that the young people of all the churches connect themselves with this organization. The Legion is not intended in any way to supersede any other form of young people's organization, but simply to co-ordinate these for more effective use in our own work. By the time the spring meeting is held, which will be some time in March, it is hoped that the list of chapters will be greatly increased.

—D. J. S.

FEBRUARY IS LOYALTY MONTH

A committee has been appointed by the Conference directors, consisting of Messrs. Larkin, Kloss and Preston to suggest a plan of expansion for our churches. They present the following suggestions:

1. **Loyalty Committee.** Appointment of the best committee possible for directing a thorough-going local campaign, to be called "The Loyalty Committee."

2. **Loyalty Month.** February to be designated as "Loyalty Month." The fact of its having five Sundays to be capitalized for its advertising value. Persistent publicity, beginning at once, to be given to the slogan: "One hundred per cent attendance of resident members on each of the five Sundays."

To be used as a month in which to win back indifferent members. Lists of these to be made out and your most tactful and devoted members to be assigned the service of going after them individually.

Specially prepared publicity cards in two colors to be distributed to all members, stating that 100 per cent is impossible without them.

Five dated and numbered attendance cards to be given each member at the close of January, one card to be placed on the plate each Sunday of February, thereby registering attendance.

3. **"Win One."** A carefully planned "win-one" campaign to be organized, looking to a great ingathering of members through persistent individual efforts of the rank and file, one won by one.

Special effort for Sunday school scholars and for non-church members in the church families. Make classified lists and assign individuals to individuals for personal interviews and appeals. Ask for reports of efforts.

4. **A Definite Goal in Accessions.** We strongly urge that every church adopt by vote a specific minimum goal of members to be received in 1920, the number to be upon the general basis of 20 per cent of its present membership.

5. **Easter Day Ingathering.** Easter Day, April 4, to be fixed as the first great objective date for an ingathering, and each succeeding communion season thereafter during the year to be set as a still more advanced objective for increased accessions, both by letter and on confession.

NEWS LETTER FROM THE INLAND EMPIRE—WASHINGTON

By Rev. Jonathan Edwards

The reports at the annual meetings all around gave evidence that the churches were in a wholesome condition and had made progress during the last year.

The Westminster church is drawing near the one thousand mark, and is looking around for an assistant pastor. Dr. T. H. Harper continues to be indefatigable in his labors in and out of the church, and is bringing results.

The result of the work of Rev. W. S. Pritchard at Plymouth Church, has made the people more hopeful than for some time, and they enter the new year with new courage.

The Rev. H. A. Luckenbach finds increased reason for encouragement at Pilgrim Church. The Sunday school and congregations are increasing steadily, and the people are co-operating with him splendidly. A Junior Christian Endeavor Society has been organized recently with a large membership and promise of efficiency.

Reports of progress have come from Hillyard, under the ministry of Rev. H. W. Driver, and also from Orchard Prairie and Trent, under Pastor Osborne, recently from the Methodist Church.

I had the privilege last week of taking a part with the pastor, Rev. Leonard Garver, in completing the organization of the Community Church at Sprague. There was a bounteous banquet and the business meeting evidenced enthusiasm. Brother Garver has done splendidly since taking hold of the work at Sprague, and the future looks promising.

The church at Kellogg, Idaho, has made splendid progress under the pastorate of Rev. C. D. Yates. Forty have united with the church during the last three months. Every department of the church is in good working condition, and the members are enthusiastic and expecting great things. The Sunday school is one of the most active and efficient in the Inland Empire.

There have been increases in salaries all around. Dr. Harper now receives \$5,000; Mr. Driver has had his increased \$200, and others more or less, rather less.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Plymouth, Oakland

A year ago Plymouth Church invested in the best moving picture machine procurable and it has been a beneficent means of promoting the educational and recreational activities of Plymouth Center. Plays like the Bluebird, Passing of the Third Floor Back, Servant in the House, and many of Mary Pickford's best creations have been presented. Every Friday evening is reserved for moving pictures, musical recitals, popular lectures or dramatic entertainments.

The time of leisure is the time of temptation and Plymouth feels an obligation to provide through its Center means of occupying people of every age with athletic and wholesome recreation and amusement. The Center now enrolls 428 paid memberships, the largest since its inauguration and so flourishing has it become that enlarged facilities will soon be imperative.

Mayflower, Pacific Grove

At the annual meeting the first of January an excellent condition of the church was revealed from the reports of various departments. In missions for instance, taking all departments together the apportionment of \$550 had been paid and \$415 more to special Congregational missionary work. And a School of Missions, averaging ninety in attendance had been conducted for six weeks. The church membership had changed in 1919 by receiving forty-two and losing twenty-six, a net gain of sixteen. Four hundred dollars had been expended in new improvements to the plant; and two hundred and fifty dollars had been repaid to the C. C. B. S. By unanimous vote Dr. Palmer's salary was increased to \$2,000 a year.

San Mateo

The church is very much alive in all its departments. At a meeting held on Friday evening, January 23rd, in the parlors of the church, at which twenty-five men were present, a Fellowship League was organized and a constitution and by-laws adopted. The objects of the League, as stated in the constitution, are to promote good fellowship among its members, to provide a means of education in and discussion of all questions affecting the welfare of its members and the community, and to assist in the upbuilding of a strong moral and religious life in the community.

All departments of the church work are growing in interest and numbers, and a spiritual campaign is under way for large additions to church membership at the Easter communion.

Palo Alto

The Annual Forefathers' Day celebration Monday evening, December 22, 1919, was one of the best meetings ever held in this church. There was a fine dinner and excellent speeches by Rev. R. B. Cherington, Professor R. M. Alden, Mrs. P. S. Maddux and Dr.

Charles L. Kloss. Rev. C. H. Stevens of Redwood was a guest. There were songs and solos and poetry for the occasion. It was a meeting never to be forgotten.

The Federated Church at Saratoga

An overture was made by the Congregational Church to the other churches in town to form a federation. The Episcopal and Methodists were not free to enter into anything of the kind now. The Christian Church reported favorably. Committees on comity were appointed by both churches with the result that we are worshipping together for a year, or shorter period if arrangements are not satisfactory. Services are held in the Congregational Church and Rev. F. C. Rolls, our Congregational pastor, has been called by both churches. Neither organization has disbanded, but each retains its affiliation with its denomination head and maintains its support to its missionary boards. If satisfactory in a year a permanent organization will be formed. Up to now things are very hopeful, congregations large, spirit good, and outlook most encouraging.

Sacramento

"Things are brighter at 'the old historic church with the friendly spirit' than they have been for some years. There is a gradual growth in the morning attendance."

There have been no evening services here for five years, but on the first Sunday in January, 1920, the church opened for evening meetings. The attendance is larger than that of the morning service and continually increasing.

The program for Sunday evenings consists of music, message, and moving pictures. Collections easily pay expenses.

The Every Member Canvass was a great success. As a result of the new spirit manifested on every side the church has voted to secure a new location and even now has an option on one of the finest locations in the city. A committee is now trying to sell the old location. Everybody speaks hopefully of the future of the church.

First, Oakland

The First Church of Oakland has just finished equipping its boys' club room. The room was built as an addition to the church for a Red Cross work room during the war and intended as a boys' club room after the close of the war. The room and much of its furnishing is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Walsh as a memorial to their son who was killed in an airplane accident in San Diego. The trustees appropriated money for some very fine game tables. Another family presented the club room with a beautiful phonograph in memory of their son who was killed at Chateau Thierry.

Boys and girls' club activities and boy scouts are being organized under the direction of Rev. F. W. Morrison, the assistant pastor.

DR. JAMES L. GORDON'S QUESTION DRAWER

No feature of Dr. Gordon's aggressive campaign for the upbuilding of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco has met with more popular response than his "question drawer." He had used this method of increasing attendance at the week night meeting with considerable success in the East and has been more than pleased with results in the West. At the present time the steadily growing attendance which now amounts to seven or eight hundred, promises to force the adjournment of the meetings to the main auditorium.

The consideration of questions submitted by the audience is of course no new thing with public speakers, but Dr. Gordon's methods are certainly worthy of study on the part of ministers generally. He does not answer questions from the floor, but prints in the church calendar each Sunday a list of the questions which he will answer the next Wednesday evening, taking care to cover an assortment of subjects which will be of general interest and which will be both religious and secular in their nature. Only a few minutes can be given to each one, and no pretense is made of exhausting the subject, but he merely aims to give his viewpoint in a pithy, pointed way. The topics range from such abstruse subjects as "Is God a person, an idea, or an influence?" to "What do you think of Senator Phelan's Anti-Japanese Immigration bill?" Naturally few will agree with everything that Dr. Gordon says, but all have come to admire his sterling sense, his winning humor, and broad catholicity of spirit.

SAN JOSE

At the annual meeting Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, D.D., was present and gave an inspiring address. Mrs. Brooks delighted those present with her initimable children's recitations and songs. No money was raised at this meeting but it was decided to take a month for preparation for the usual Every Member Drive. The current expense budget was increased \$250 to provide an increase in the minister's salary. On December 7th the canvass was put over successfully and more money was raised in this drive than ever before in the history of the church.

As a by-product of the canvass the people asked for the privilege of paying off the debt on the Parish House which has been hanging over the church for the past twelve years. The campaign has just closed with the debt over subscribed and some money left for repairs.

The new year opens with a splendid spirit of hopefulness, new members and large congregations. The men of the church are showing a new deepening interest in the work and are backing the minister in fine shape.

PROGRESS OF THE PILGRIM MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN

By Rev. H. H. Kelsey, D.D.

Throughout the entire country the campaign is swinging on to a great victory. At the present rate the Congregationalist will announce within a few weeks that the \$5,000,000 mark is passed. But the quota is now \$8,000,000 and our Coast District is moving forward toward its goal.

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The Campaign was begun in Southern California on January 18th. The churches have released a number of pastors, and with Rev. Eugene Smith and Rev. J. H. Batten, who have had large experience in this kind of work and Rev. J. H. Stead of Chicago, are organized into an efficient team under the able leadership of Superintendent George F. Kenngott.

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The Northern California team consists of ten pastors, who, with Mr. C. J. Hunt of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Rev. William Ewing, both experts in this business, are organized for the canvass with Secretary H. H. Kelsey as team leader.

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Both Southern and Northern California rejoice in the presence and inspiration of Rev. W. E. Barton of Oak Park, Illinois, who is a prominent leader in our denomination, giving three weeks to further this Campaign in California. Dr. Barton is in Southern California from January 17th to February 2nd. He is also scheduled to speak at a dinner of two hundred or more in Oakland at the First Church, February 3rd. On Thursday evening, the 5th, he will attend a similar dinner in Santa Cruz, and on Friday evening, the 6th, he will be the guest of the men of the Berkeley churches at the Hotel Whitecotton (formerly Hotel Shattuck) Berkeley. On Sunday morning, the 8th, he will speak in the First Church, Oakland, and in Plymouth Church in the evening.

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Little New Mexico is the pacemaker for the Coast District with but seven churches and a total membership of 434, her quota was \$3,000. She has already reported \$4,416.50. She will exceed \$5,000. She goes over the top by 66 per cent.

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The Campaign in the Northwest is being organized under the leadership of Secretary Beard of the C. H. M. S. of New York. He led the team in Connecticut, which exceeded its quota by nearly 100 per cent, its total subscription being \$1,200,000. Beard knows how to do it. Watch for the returns from the Northwest!